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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
Waiver for Older Adults Transmittal No. 6

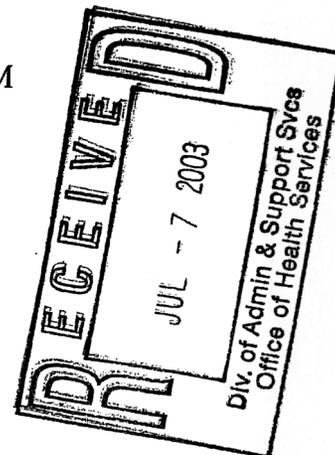
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To: Waiver for Older Adults Providers  
Maryland Department of Aging  
Area Agencies on Aging

From: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
Office of Health Services

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Re: Fiscal Year 2004 Program Rate Increases



On July 1, 2003, payment rates will increase for certain services under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Older Adults. The regulatory authority for these changes can be found in Regulation .33C(3) under COMAR 10.09.54. The rates affected by this regulation will be increased on July 1 of each year by the lesser of:

- a.) 2.5 percent
- b.) The average annual rate increase for nursing facility services under COMAR 10.09.10; or
- c.) The change from March to March in the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Washington Baltimore area.

The average annual rate increase for nursing facility services and the CPI-U increase both exceed 2.5%; therefore the Fiscal Year 2004 payment rates reflect a 2.5% increase. Attached is a list of revised payment rates for Fiscal Year 2004. **Providers may bill using the new rates for services provided on or after July 1, 2003.**

Questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to the Waiver Coordinator at 410-767-5220.

Enclosure (1)

## WAIVER FOR OLDER ADULTS - Payment Rates Effective July 1, 2003

Service	Procedure Code	New Payment Rate
Assisted Living Services (Level II)	G0216	\$ 1602.75 per month
Assisted Living Services (Level III)	G0217	\$ 2021.75 per month
Environmental Assessment	W1725	\$ 366.75 per assessment
Behavior Consultation	W1724	\$ 57.50 per hour
Senior Center Plus	W1723	\$ 42.00 per day
Personal Care (self-employed, no meds)	G0200	\$ 9.50 per hour
Personal Care (self-employed, with meds)	G0201	\$ 12.25 per hour
Personal Care (agency, no meds)	G0202	\$ 12.00 per hour
Personal Care (agency, with meds)	G0203	\$ 15.75 per hour
Personal Care Nurse Monitoring	G0204	\$ 57.50 per hour
Respite Care (self-employed)	G0205	\$ 9.50 per hour
Respite Care (agency)	G0206	\$ 12.00 per hour
Respite Care (in a nursing facility)	G0220	\$ 125.75 per day
Respite Care (in an assisted living facility)	G0221	\$ 67.00 per day
Family or Consumer Training	G0208	\$ 57.50 per hour
Home-Delivered Meals	G0211	\$ 5.25 per meal
Dietician/Nutritionist Services	G0212	\$ 57.50 per hour
*Personal Emergency Response System (monitoring/maintenance)	G0210	\$45.00 per month

\*This rate is not subject to annual inflationary adjustment. This is notice of the current approved rate. Please note that other billing limitations apply, as specified in COMAR 10.09.54.

**NOTE:** As you may know, the procedure codes for waiver services will change in October 2003 due to new federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. You will receive more information regarding these procedure code changes by September 2003.